

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

Purpose of notice: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking comments and announcing a public hearing on a proposed permit to limit air pollution emitted by a facility in Fluvanna County, Virginia. If adopted, the Commonwealth intends to submit the permit or portion thereof as a revision to its State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the requirements of § 110(a) of the federal Clean Air Act.

Public comment period: August 24, 2006 to October 4, 2006.

Public hearing: Court Room, Historic Court House, 35 Court Square, Palmyra, Virginia, 22963 at 4:30 p.m. on October 4, 2006. A question and answer period will be held one half hour prior to the beginning of the public hearing.

Permit name: State Operating Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Air Pollution Control Board.

Name, address and registration number: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, PO Box 1396 Houston, TX 77251-1396, Registration No. 40789.

Description of proposal: The proposed revision consists of an hours of operation limit that will result in an equivalent reduction of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions to the atmosphere (compared to the installation of add-on control devices) from the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) Station 175 located in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

On April 21, 2004 (69 FR 21603), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule, "Interstate Ozone Transport: Response to Court Decisions on the NO_x SIP Call, NO_x SIP Call Technical Amendments, and § 126 Rules," which is commonly referred to as Phase II of the NO_x SIP Call. This rule sets forth the control levels for large stationary internal combustion (IC) engines which had average NO_x emissions of one ton per day or more during the 1995 ozone season. EPA then reviewed the IC engine inventory in order to develop a database that identifies affected sources and the emissions reductions these sources need to achieve. EPA published this information in a document entitled "NO_x SIP Call: emission inventory for stationary internal combustion engines: March 2, 2000."

A state operating permit will be issued as the administrative mechanism to ensure compliance with the Phase II NO_x SIP Call requirements. The permit is being issued pursuant to Article 5 (9 VAC 5-80-800 et seq.) of 9 VAC 5 Chapter 80 of state regulations and are federally enforceable upon issuance. The permit will establish emission limits for NO_x and allow the source to operate 4 large stationary natural gas-fired, spark ignited, reciprocating IC engines in compliance with the provisions of the EPA's Phase II NO_x SIP Call Rule.

Federal information: This notice is also being given to satisfy the public participation requirements of federal regulations (40 CFR 51.102). Except as noted below, the proposal will be submitted as a revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia SIP under § 110(a) of the federal Clean Air Act in accordance with 40 CFR 51.104. It is planned to submit all provisions of the proposal as a revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia SIP.

How to comment: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, facsimile transmission and postal mail. In order to be considered, written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Due to problems with the quality of facsimile transmissions, commenters are encouraged to provide the signed original by postal mail within one week. Both oral and written comments are accepted at the public hearing. DEQ prefers that comments be provided in writing, along with any supporting documents or exhibits. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are part of the public record. Please note this proposed permit is being concurrently reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To review proposal: The proposal and any supporting documents are available on the DEQ Air Public Notices for Plans web site (<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/air/permitting/planotes.html>). The documents may also be obtained by contacting the DEQ representative named below. The public may review the documents between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. of each business day until the close of the public comment period at the following locations: (1) DEQ Main Street Office, 8th Floor, 629 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 804-698-4070; (2) Fredericksburg Satellite Office, DEQ, 806 Westwood Office Park, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 540-899-4600; and (3) Valley Regional Office, DEQ, 4411 Early Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 540-574-7800.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information:
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